



## DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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#### **DLNR HOLDS PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING ON DRAFT MASTER PLAN AND EIS FOR KĪHOLO BAY STATE PARK RESERVE**

KONA, HAWAII -- The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of State Parks, invites the public to attend meetings being held on the Big Island next week to discuss the Master Plan and EIS being developed for Kīholo State Park Reserve, North Kona, Hawai‘i.

The Division of State Parks, along with its consultants from Planning Solutions, will present some alternatives that are being considered for a draft master plan for Kīholo that will preserve the area’s natural wildland character and its significant archaeological and cultural features, protect the coastal resources from further degradation, determine the public’s recreational use of the area, and recommend any improvements that may be needed to accommodate these uses.

At the meeting, an interim camping management plan will also be announced in conjunction with the park’s temporary closure to vehicular access and clean up that will begin October 1, 2011. [\[Editors note: this temporary closure and cleanup was covered in a news release issued on September 9 "DLNR PREPARING INTERIM MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR KĪHOLO STATE PARK" which can be found on the DLNR website - news releases\]](#)

“Community-based planning for improved management and upkeep of state recreational facilities is a leading objective of the Abercrombie administration’s “New Day” plan,” said William J. Aila, Jr., DLNR Chairperson. “We invite the community to get involved with our master planning process, and to share their thoughts, issues, and concerns about Kīholo State Park Reserve,” Aila said.

Two meetings are scheduled as follows:

**Kona** -- Monday, September 26, 2011 from 5 - 7:30 p.m. at the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai‘i Authority (NELHA), Gateway Center, 73-4460 Queen Kaahumanu Highway, Kailua-Kona, HI. After you enter the grounds of NELHA, take the first left and then another left turn into the Gateway Center parking lot.

**Hilo** -- Tuesday, September 27, 2011 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., in the State Office Building conference room, 75 Aupuni St., Hilo, HI.

Anyone planning to attend the meeting, who may need special accommodation due to disability, is asked to contact the Division of State Parks at 587-0293, at least 4 days prior to the meeting date.

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